REMARKS

Please cancel claims 1-63 and 81-84 without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications directed thereto.

Although the Examiner has indicated that failure to take action in response to the official action of October 15, 2003, will be considered authorization to cancel claims 1-63 and 81-84, applicants have nevertheless expressly canceled these claims in order to expedite issuance of a patent based on this application.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: November 14, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

462811_1.DOC